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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

**Docket No. FAA-2015-1622; Airspace Docket No. 15-AWP-9**

**Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Stockton, CA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action modifies Class D airspace, Class E surface area airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface, at Stockton Metropolitan Airport, Stockton, CA. A review of the airspace and the decommissioning of the Manteca VHF omnidirectional radio range and distance measuring equipment (VOR/DME), has made it necessary to amend the airspace areas for the safety and management of the new Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, December 10, 2015. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at

[http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy and ATC Regulations Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 29591; telephone: 202-267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/code\\_of\\_federal-regulations/ibr\\_locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html).

FAA Order 7400.9, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends controlled airspace at Stockton Metropolitan Airport, Stockton, CA.

**History**

On June 24, 2015, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to modify Class D airspace and Class E airspace at Stockton Metropolitan Airport, Stockton, CA (80 FR 36261) . Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class D and Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000, 6002, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9Z, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class D and Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

#### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document amends FAA Order 7400.9Z, airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015. FAA Order 7400.9Z is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this final rule. FAA Order 7400.9Z lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

#### **The Rule**

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 modifies Class D airspace, Class E surface area airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Stockton Metropolitan Airport, Stockton, CA. Decommissioning of the Manteca VOR/DME, and subsequent review of the airspace revealed airspace redesign necessary for the safety and management of standard instrument approach procedures for IFR operations at the airport. The Class D airspace and Class E

surface area airspace are expanded to within a 4.5-mile radius of Stockton Metropolitan Airport. Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface is modified to within a 7-mile radius of Stockton Metropolitan Airport. This action enhances the safety and management of controlled airspace within the NAS.

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore, (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 311a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

### **Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71:**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

**Adoption of the Amendment:**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

**PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for Part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

**§71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000: Class D airspace.

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**AWP CA D Stockton, CA (Modified)**

Stockton Metropolitan Airport, CA

(lat. 37°53'39"N., long. 121°14'18"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,500 feet MSL within a 4.5 mile radius of Stockton Metropolitan Airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

Paragraph 6002: Class E Airspace Designated as Surface Areas.

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**AWP CA E2 Stockton, CA (Modified)**

Stockton Metropolitan Airport, CA  
(lat. 37°53'39"N., long. 121°14'18"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.5 mile radius of Stockton Metropolitan Airport.

Paragraph 6005: Class E Airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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**AWP CA E5 Stockton, CA (Modified)**

Stockton Metropolitan Airport, CA  
(lat. 37°53'39"N., long. 121°14'18"W.)

Stockton Metropolitan Airport, point in space coordinates  
(lat. 37°53'04"N., long. 121°13'18"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of the Stockton Metropolitan Airport point in space coordinates at lat. 37°53'04"N., long. 121°13'18"W. That airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface bounded on the east by long. 120°04'04"W, on the southeast by a line extending from lat. 37°52'00"N, long. 120°04'04"W; to lat. 37°38'00"N, long. 121°00'04"W, on the south by lat. 37°38'00"N, on the west by long. 121°37'04"W, and on the north by lat. 38°07'00"N; excluding that airspace within Restricted Area R-2531 when active.

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